

I am deeply concerned about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. Sinclair stations use public airwaves free of charge and are required by law to serve the public interest. One-sided programs like "Stolen Honor" do not serve the needs of the community. That Sinclair has boldly made plans to disregard its legal mandates is illustrative of the current dangerous trend toward media consolidation in our country. Both the spirit and the laws of our democracy are violated when large companies control the airwaves.

It is critical that the power of the FCC to enforce its regulations be invoked regarding this matter. Sinclair stations should be stopped from airing "Stolen Honor" or, in the alternative, required to air a pro-Kerry program like "Going Upriver" shortly after.

Thank you.